

The Life of Faith

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–8

Series: **The Way of Wisdom**

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Overview

True Christians not only believe *in* God, but also *believe* God—trusting in what He actually says in His Word. Acknowledging God in all our ways means that we make no part of our life off limits to Him. Christians should fear God, not so much by being afraid, but by being awed by Him. True faith embraces humility by not thinking too highly of oneself. In real faith we will hate evil by calling it out, standing with God, protecting the defenseless, mourning with those that mourn and ultimately looking to Christ for its resolution. **True faith embraces all of God in all of Life.**

Corroborating Texts

Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 10:9-10; Psalms 31:14-15; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17, 23; Phil. 4:6; Phil. 2:3-11; Prov. 1:7-9; Prov. 6:16-19

Discussion Questions

1. Do you find *believing* God more difficult than believing *in* God? Which of His doctrines, commands or promises are hard for you to accept? Why?
2. Pastor Joe said that *where* you pray and what you pray about helps to reveal where God is welcomed. In what areas might you more explicitly acknowledge God in your life?
3. Peter wrote (in 1 Peter 5:5) “Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” Discuss this biblical clothing metaphor to better understand humility and how we can embrace it in our lives. [See Genesis 3:21 and Isaiah 61:10]
4. Discuss what healthy fear and unhealthy fear looks like for a believer.
5. The bible uses a very powerful word—hate—to describe God’s disposition toward evil. Do you honestly feel hate in response to evil around you? Do you find yourself hating sin in your environment more than that which comes from within? Why?